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There are two classes of values in which, as citizens of the world, we have to deal. One class consists of those values which we commonly call material. We measure out the results of toil and say they are worth so much in money or merchandise or some other visible equivalent.

The other class consists of those values which you cannot see, which you cannot measure by any commercial unit. They are spiritual values—values of personality—of moral character.

There are times, perhaps largely in the majority, when the material values press upon us and demand our attention. The average day is a busy day, and of necessity is concerned about bread and raiment.

But there are other times when the roar of traffic is unheard, and in the solemn silence we find ourselves considering the things that are unseen and eternal.

One of these times is the present hour. The death of the body always throws into prominence the life of the spirit. When a man dies, his companions, with strange unanimity, begin to estimate his character,—begin to ask what he was worth as a citizen, as a man, as a moral presence in the community.

A man has suddenly gone from among us, and you, as his friends and neighbors, are asking that solemn question beside his bier this afternoon. I know I answer for all who knew him, when I say that he was worth much, that he was strong in the things that good men count as strength, that he was rich in the things that weigh most in the scales of God.

His life has been interwoven with the life of this community. For twenty years he has been a prominent factor of service in all matters pertaining to the general welfare.

You will remember him as the able lawyer, the President of our School Board, the promoter of public playgrounds for our youth, the wise and efficient member of this church, and as the friend and neighbor, as the man with whom you exchanged the greetings of

the day. You will remember him as the genial personality, the straight thinker, the clear seer, the man endowed with the wisdom of humor, with abundant common sense, with unofficious courage, and with a moral sincerity as simple and austere as a Puritan's.

We trusted him perfectly. We knew his judgments were not prejudices and his convictions were not fleeting impressions. We knew that behind the spoken word there was a real man,—a man who stood serenely superior to the guesser's art or the trimmer's legerdemain.

There was no tumult or shouting. He did not deal in exclamations or dally with negatives. He quietly intimated the good thing, and then worked earnestly in its behalf with two constructive hands. And we worked also, because we believed in him and caught the contagion of his example.

That is why we admired and loved him and trusted him,—because he thought in positives, served constructively, and radiated good will.

We are better men and women, and this community is a better community, because he shared our common life and did the work of a whole man.

There are two immortalities,—the immortality which a soul leaves behind it in a world made better by its presence, and the immortality of a life beyond the grave.

Our friend achieved the first by fidelity to great ideals. The same credentials that gave him this will vouchsafe to him all other rewards which the Eternal Goodness may have in store for his children.

"Happy the man who knows His Master to obey; Whose life of care and labor flows Where God points out the way.

"He riseth to his task
Soon as the word is given,
Nor waits nor does a question ask
When orders come from Heaven.

"Nothing he calls his own; Nothing he hath to say; His feet are shod for God alone, And God alone obey.

"Give us, O God, this mind,
Which waits for thy command,
And doth its highest pleasure find
In Thy great work to stand."